1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nagaland	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.015	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05
Uttaranchal	28.8	112.3	30.6	123.3	32.2	130.5	32.67	132.32
TOTAL	226.64	1814.04	251.64	1623.72	263.94	2001.45	271.3	1985.1

Shift from producing foodgrains to cash crops

3271. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to which extent the farmers have switched over from producing foodgrains to producing cash crops during the last five years;

(b) the names of the States where this shifting has been predominant;

(c) the facilities Government is going to extend to the foodgrains growers to maintain the quantity of land under this crop cultivation; and

(d) by when the trend will be reversed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) There is no major area shift from foodgrains to cash crops during last five year. Infact, area under foodgrains has increased from 120,01 million hectares in 2004-05 to 123.22 million hectares in 2008-09 as per 4th advance estimates released by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture.

In order to enhance the production and productivity of foodgrains, Government of India has been implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) under Macro Management mode of Agriculture and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).

Under these schemes States have been provided assistance for production & distribution of quality seed, improvement of soil health through lime/Gypsum/micro nutrients application, improved package of practices, field demonstrations and farmer training through farmers' field school (FFS) etc.

Establishment of soil testing laboratories

3272. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish soil testing laboratories and mobile soil testing laboratories during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified, so far;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and the expenditure so far incurred in establishing such laboratories in these States; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to achieve the targets of Eleventh Plan period fixed in this regard?